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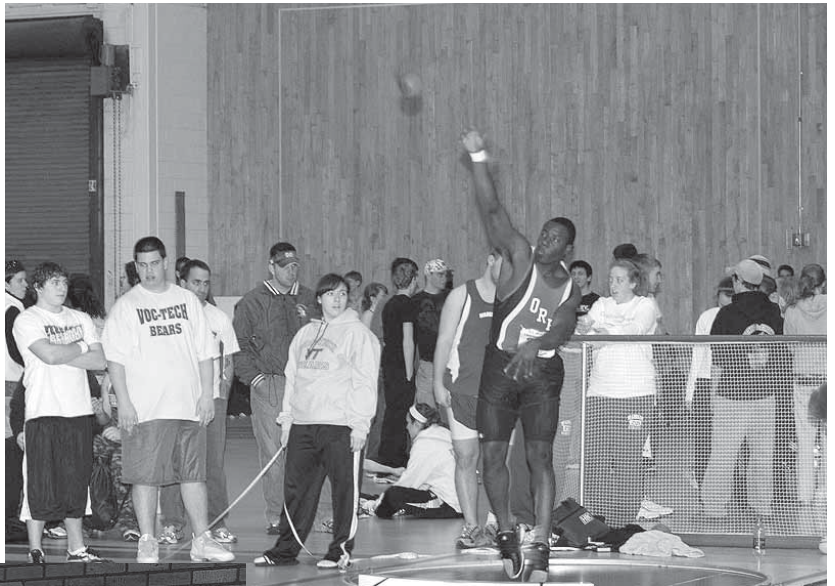
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**Musical Magic**  
**Fireworks Explode at**  
**Tabor Academy**  
**By Robert Chiarito**

As the eight members of the New York-based Fireworks Ensemble took the stage at Tabor Academy's Hoyt Performing Arts Center on Friday evening, February 8, nothing seemed out of the ordinary. The group of young musicians looked every bit the part of a chamber ensemble readying themselves to perform a repertoire of Strauss, Haydn and Lully.

The instruments looked innocent enough — winds, percussion keyboard and strings. The ensemble dressed in red, black or a combination of the two — nothing too flashy for these very serious young performers. As the



**Above:** Old Rochester Regional High School's Franck Tebou won the South Coast Conference Shot-Put event after throwing 43 feet, 1 inch at the indoor event which was held at Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational High School on Saturday, February 9 with hundreds of athletes and onlookers in attendance. An especially energetic group of ORR Bulldog supporters was there cheering loudly for the ORR senior who also came in second place in the 50 Yard Dash by only 1/100th of a second behind Dighton-Rehoboth's Matthew Gaudet, who won in 5.79 seconds. Tebou will be attending Bryant University in the fall on a full football scholarship. (Photo courtesy of Tim Smith).



**Above:** Tabor Academy will present the musical *Urinetown*, winner of three Tony awards, on February 21, 22 and 23 at 7:30 pm in The Fireman Performing Auditorium, Hoyt Hall on the Tabor campus. Cast members of the production include (back, l. to r.) Sola Elkallassi, Emily Bungert, Ashley Douglas, Tom Scudder, Kyler Canastra, Sarah Macdonald, Caleb Corliss, Ben Bungert; (second row, l. to r.) Hanna Lipman, Sammi Muther, Debi Lindsey, Sophie Marshall, Rachelle Adams; (front, l. to r.) Ayla Richards, Johanna Wickemeyer, Cassie Smith, Kristen Walsh, Meagan McCarthy and, reclining, Ned Riseley. Tickets may be ordered in advance for \$9 by contacting: [musicaltheatertix@taboracademy.org](mailto:musicaltheatertix@taboracademy.org) or purchased at the door for \$10. (Photo courtesy of Max Wickemeyer).

**On the cover:** The New York-based Fireworks Ensemble recently brought their unique fusion of musical genres to Tabor Academy's Hoyt Performing Arts Center on Friday evening, February 8, for an extraordinary performance which included everything from Strauss, Haydn and Lully to New Wave, Punk and Disco. (Group photo by Robin Holland).

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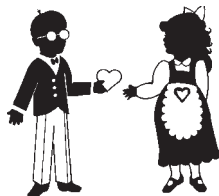
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group counted off the time and began to play their first piece, Strauss' Thunder and Lightning Polka, there it was ... the first hint that this was not going to be an ordinary night of music. This was going to be different, maybe even something special. "Mommy, look at those pants," said a little girl in the fourth row as she pointed to cellist Leigh Stuart.

Ms. Stuart was wearing a pair of chrome red leather pants that looked as if they had been lifted from a New York Dolls publicity photo circa 1974. Not your typical attire for a classically-trained cellist, but Fireworks is no ordinary chamber ensemble. While the musicians may have honed their considerable skills on Stravinsky and Bach, they collectively would show the audience that great music can come from any number of sources, not just long-dead European composers.

As bassist and ensemble director Brian Coughlin began to introduce the evening's third piece, he broke into a bit of a wry smile and said, "Okay, we'd like to play some techno music now," as he went on to explain that the band was about to perform a piece by '90s artist Aphex Twin. Mr. Coughlin continued, "It was Duke Ellington who said, 'There are two kinds of music: good music and the other kind.' Fireworks tries to live by that philosophy."

With that they did, indeed, play techno music — not your teenager's or twenty-something's techno. This was techno turned on its head by world-class players who

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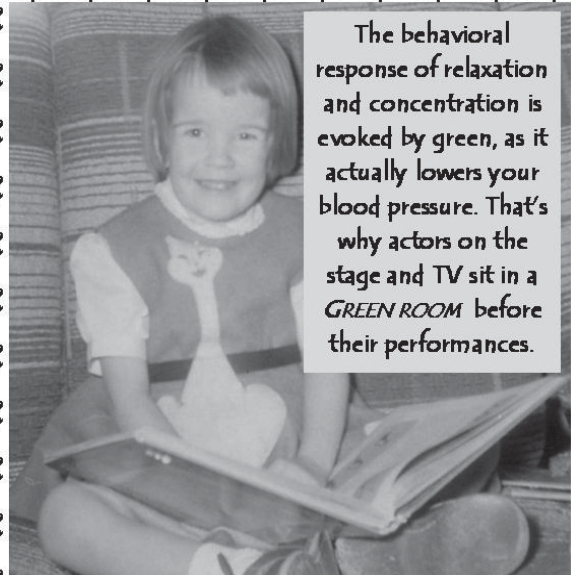
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seem to thoroughly enjoy defying convention in the name of digging into the details of a composition to find the heart and soul of each piece of music they choose to play. In the case of the Aphex Twin song, "Analogue Bubble-bath," Fireworks took a piece of music that had been created entirely with electronic instruments and computers and turned it into something completely original, playing the number entirely with acoustic instruments. The effect was a stunningly beautiful piece of music that straddled the chasm between the new and the old.

Throughout the rest of the evening the group performed a concert of dance music originating from nearly every continent, from forms and traditions as varied as Afro-pop, New Wave/Punk, Big Band Jazz, Calypso and



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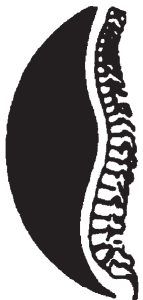
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Disco, just to name a few. With each number the ensemble seemed to push itself to find new ways and means to wrench sounds from their instruments that most musicians never dream of making.

At various times throughout the evening pianos were made to sound like zithers and dulcimers by sticking pencils between the strings to give the instrument a raspy and ringing sound. Flutes and violins borrowed the voices of Caribbean steel drums, cellos and guitars filled in for the scratching of a hip-hop turntable and penny whistles, kazoos and every other instrument on stage were used to recreate the sounds of synthesizers and computers as the band moved seamlessly between Ellington, New Order, Haydn, the Bee Gees and Aaron Copland.

The performance was a part of Tabor Academy's ongoing Maxwell Concert Series. The next scheduled event in the series will be the school's production of Urinetown on February 21, 22 and 23 at 7:30 pm in the Fireman Performing Auditorium.

Tickets may be ordered in advance for \$9 at [caltheatertix@taboracademy.org](mailto:caltheatertix@taboracademy.org) or purchased at the door for \$10. If you would like to know more about Fireworks Ensemble's work, you can find them on the web at [www.fireworksensemble.org](http://www.fireworksensemble.org).

### *Facility Fallout*

### **Rochester COA, Selectmen Quibble Over Senior Center Use**

**By Kenneth J. Souza**

In a meeting between the Rochester Council on Aging (COA) Board and the Rochester Board of Selectmen, the pros and cons of renting out the town's venerable Senior Center on Dexter Lane were debated and discussed. According to COA Board Chairman Pat Ryan, her board had begun talking about putting together some

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guidelines for renting out the facility after getting countless requests from residents, and they forwarded a copy of this proposed policy to the Selectmen so it might be forwarded to Town Counsel Blair Bailey for his review.

"We never heard anything negative about it until a few weeks ago when (Selectmen Chairman) Brad Morse came over to (COA Director) Sharon Lally and said it was a town building and the Selectmen wanted to have control over the use of the building," Ms. Ryan said.

"That's not even close," Selectman Morse countered. "About three weeks ago I got the packet from your meeting ... and I sat down with Sharon and told her we need to make sure we're following the proper procedures. We had concerns about the way (the Senior Center) was

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being rented, how funds were charged and not going through the proper financial channels that need to be followed — that was our concern. I personally wouldn't want to see the facility rented out all the time — we've got a great facility, it's our pride and joy. No question there needs to be guidelines regarding the use of buildings, (but) if we're going to be drawing up building use plans, they should be the same for all (town) buildings."

According to COA Board member Jill Bodeau, they've had requests to rent the Senior Center since it opened, and only recently have they sat down to establish some type of policy. "I think it's time we separate profit from non-profit requests," she said. "I think the board was trying to set some policy regarding that."

Selectman Morse agreed that non-profit and town groups should have access to the facility. "I'm just (concerned) about big parties being held here," he said. "And the fees (you've set) aren't nearly enough (to cover) maintenance, electricity and such."

Ms. Ryan said this wasn't intended to be a money-making venture, and "we're not advertising that people can use the building ... we just wanted to put together some type of structure in black-and-white. We also put in there that we have the right to say 'yea' or 'nay' to any request."

Since alcohol consumption is not allowed in any town building, Ms. Bodeau also noted the Senior Center would be precluded from being used for wedding receptions and large private parties.

"But the Boy Scouts couldn't use this building under the policy you (drafted)," said Town Counsel Blair Bailey. "You have a no discrimination policy (in there) ... and the Boy Scouts discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation."

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and my only concern was maybe someone coming into the building, slipping and falling, and suing the town," said Selectman Rick Nunes. "Other than that, I'm fine with it."

"I'm not looking for the Selectmen to vote on this," Ms. Ryan said. "I'm simply hoping we can come to a meeting of the minds. If Town Counsel feels we shouldn't do this, we'll drop it. But we just want everybody to be on the same page."

Mr. Bailey said in order to protect the town from any potential legal challenges, he would prefer the Senior Center not be rented for private events, but strictly for non-profit and town-sponsored events.

"If you start denying one (private) group, for whatever reason, now you might be opening yourself up to a complaint down the line," Mr. Bailey said. "The best policy is one that gives a threshold on what types of groups can use it. The other reason I'd also limit private functions is because they are the ones where liability kicks in."

"I'm in favor of non-profits or any group that wants to use the facility," Selectman Morse agreed. "I'd have a problem with private individuals using the building because it's a town-owned building."

Ms. Ryan queried as to whether requiring private renters to take out a separate insurance policy would absolve the town from potential liability suits.

"That's the problem, it wouldn't absolve the



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town," said Town Administrator Richard LaCamera. "To expose the town to that for a small amount of rental income isn't worth it. Second, if you have a facility like this and open it up to private (groups), you'll have nothing but problems. I just don't think it's worth the aggravation."

Ms. Bodeau said the intent here was to allow all residents to use the town's Senior Center. "We always wanted the people in town to feel this was their Senior Center," she said.

As a compromise, Ms. Ryan asked if Town Counsel would be willing to draft a set of guidelines to rent out the Senior Center that focused on non-profit and town entities only. "We're not into writing contract law, that's

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"There doesn't seem to be any problem with non-profit use, but are there exceptions to private use?" Selectman Nunes asked. "Could there be exceptions, like for a senior-related (event)?"

"If you have exceptions to the private use, someone can come in and say 'why did you let them use it?'" Mr. LaCamera said.

"The problem with putting everything down in writing, with having an exception, is what happens if somebody else wants to use it and they're not a senior?" Mr. Bailey said. "It's a town building, so you're drawing a line between one town resident and another. That's why I'd prefer to have some easy delineation. You're either a non-profit, or you're not."

As for setting rental fees, Ms. Ryan said right now they don't charge a set amount but simply ask the user to make a donation. "The only thing they have to pay for is the custodian," she said. "And if you want to come in here, a board member has to be present, because the fact is we do care about this building a great deal. So far we haven't had any damage inside."

While Selectman Nunes supported the notion of allowing private individuals or groups to rent out the Senior Center if they agreed to carry additional insurance, Town Counsel Blair Bailey noted that wouldn't protect the town from a potential lawsuit.

"You can have all the insurance in the world, it's not going to stop anybody from going after (us)," Mr. Bailey said. "And it doesn't help at the end of the day because insurance companies hate to pay (out claims)."

"I think at this point we need to table doing anything with the private sector," Chairman Ryan agreed.

Mr. Bailey offered to draft a policy to allow non-



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profit and town groups to use the Senior Center, which he would bring back to the COA Board for their approval and adoption.

The only other sticking point, as brought up by Mr. LaCamera, was determining how and where the collected rental fees are deposited.

"We'd have to see what the specific wording of the (Senior Center) account is," Mr. Bailey said. "You may have to amend that to include (a) building use fee (line item). Otherwise, if it's not appropriated funds, everything has to go back into the General Fund."

"We just have to make sure it's not being put into the wrong place," Selectman Morse said. "These aren't questions that we can answer. We have a Town Treasurer



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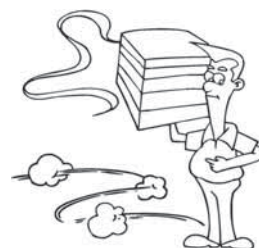
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who knows the rules for (accounting) and payroll.”

The COA Board also questioned the Selectmen about the proposed budget for FY09 wherein they were hoping to hire a full-time or 30-hour-per-week van driver to accommodate the increased demand for this service. The town is expected to receive some \$19,000 in Massachusetts Bay Transit Authority (MBTA) funds which were applied for by COA Director Sharon Lally and earmarked for transportation use.

“It started because we wanted to fund the van, but what we’re looking for is driver hours,” Ms. Ryan said. “We have to turn people away now because we don’t have money for the driver hours. I realize we have tight (budget constraints), but we need some clarification on the MBTA credits. We realize the town needs some of it, but we need driver hours.”

An anticipated increase of \$29,000 in MBTA credits won’t kick in until FY10, according to Mr. LaCamera, and with the town now footing the bill for fuel and insurance costs on the Senior Van, there’s no more money in the budget to hire a driver, he said.

“The COA is willing to go for an override (on Town Meeting floor) to fund a driver,” Ms. Ryan said.

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Ice harvesting, as a method of keeping food cold, has been in practice for thousands of years. Here in the tri-town area older residents can still recall when the Brownell family would gather the thick ice each winter from a pond located on the property that is now the Triad Boatyard to store and sell throughout the year. This practice took place in Mattapoissett until the 1950s when the use of electric refrigerators became the standard for most homes.

On Sunday Mattapoissett Historical Society President Seth Mendel and town resident Fran Gordon gave a lecture on the last days of the ice harvest in Mattapoissett. Mr. Mendell, filling in for scheduled speaker Fred Brownell, told the audience of about 60 people how the Brownell family used to pack a building the size of a school gymnasium each winter with ice using a few simple tools, a lot of manpower and an equal amount of ingenuity. Using a horse drawn blade, the men would

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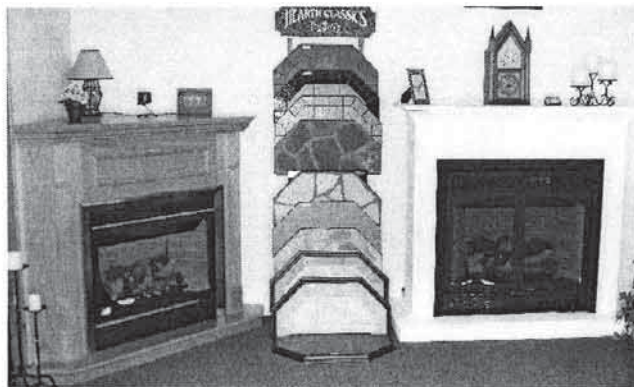
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score the ice in a checkerboard fashion and break the 50- to 75-pound blocks apart. The ice of the Brownell's pond would often be six inches to a foot or more thick and would require the strong back of 30 or more men to harvest. Using large tongs, pikes and specially-designed saws the men would harvest the entire lake over the course of several days. The ice would then be packed, airtight, into the icehouse for storage.

Speaker Fran Gordon's family keeps the tradition alive at their log cabin in the northern part of Canada each winter. The family, with the help of about 30 friends, continues to use methods perfected over the centuries, in an annual ritual that dates back to the early 1960s when the Gordons purchased the property. Mr. Gordon provided a slide program as a visual complement during his portion of the lecture to show how he and his friends and family would brave temperatures as low as 40 degrees below zero to collect ice from the waters near their cabin. According to Mr. Gordon, "A fellow once asked me why I didn't use a chain saw to cut the ice and I told him that gas didn't go very well with our gin and tonics. The water in our lake is absolutely pure and we want to keep it that way." Mr. Gordon also noted that the last few years have seen a change in temperature in the region surrounding his cabin that has left the waters of the lake too warm to form the thick ice needed for the harvest.

The Mattapoissett Historical Society and Museum's collection contains many of the objects that were used to harvest ice on the Brownell property. The Museum's next lecture, a talk about Organic Gardening, will be on Sunday, March 16 at 2:00 pm. Weston Lant will speak about natural methods of farming and give tips to those interested in growing chemical free gardens. More information about the Mattapoissett Historical Society and Museum can be found on the web at [www.mattapoissett.org](http://www.mattapoissett.org)

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### ***School Report***

### **Exams and Fundraisers at ORR**

**By Olivia Mello**

Now that the PSATs have been taken and the scores have been passed back, it's just about that time for the junior class to be thinking about the actual SATs. In fact, one of the registration deadlines has already elapsed (January 29) for the exam which will be distributed on March 1. Students have until April 1 to register for the SAT that will be given on May 3 and/or until May 6 to sign up for the June 7 exam. They can receive further information about the tests from their guidance counselors and can go their registering online at [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com). Taking the SAT more than once is highly suggested because you are allowing yourself two chances to do the best possible work. Also, colleges take and consider only the highest scores that you received in each subject.

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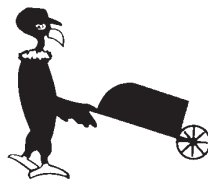
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where they want to be heading after graduation day. They should start preparing for the standardized SAT exam, debating whether they would like to also take any subject tests, and also researching or even visiting any colleges in which they are interested. ORR gives any student in the junior class a certain amount of excused days from school, which can be dedicated towards visiting any college of their choice.

All students who are taking any Advanced Placement course at the high school should have already received the AP Bulletin for themselves and their parents. These students should have been wondering whether or not they would like to take the Advanced Placement exam, which will also be distributed during the month of May. Each test will cost \$84 and a down payment fee has already been collected of \$13.

On Tuesday, February 12, the Freshman class held a fundraiser in which a portion of their profit would go towards their class savings. The fundraiser was held at Mattapoisett's famous Nick's Pizza, which was generous enough to agree to donating 20 percent of all their sales made from 5:00 pm to closing time.

The Valentine's Day Dance was cancelled last weekend because of the inconvenience it was expected to bring. The junior class, which would have run the dance, is in need of money for their future plans. They were worried that because the dance would have been held on a Saturday, paying for certain needs and a custodial

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staff would have been difficult to manage. Also, after hearing the unenthusiastic reactions given by their fellow classmates when announcing news about the potential dance, the class officers were concerned that they would be losing more money than they would gain from lack of attendance.

Valentine's Day was not altogether forgotten, however, at Old Rochester Regional High School. A Candy Gram fundraiser was put on in which students were able to purchase bags of assorted candy for \$1 and then send them to the homeroom of their desired recipients. All proceeds have been given to the school's music department. Those students lucky enough to have a special someone thinking of them for the holiday received their Valentine's candy on that morning during homeroom.

## Sports Shorts

By Robert Chiarito

The Old Rochester Lady Bulldogs Basketball Team assured themselves of a berth in the state's postseason tournament with their 56-45 win over the Dartmouth Indians on Sunday, February 10. ORR jumped out to an early lead that they never relinquished in winning their eleventh game of the season. **Gabby Almeida** was the game's leading scorer as she lit up the Dartmouth defenders for 14 points. The win was part of a 2-1 week for the ladies as they defeated Bourne at home on Tuesday, February 5 by a score of 47-42. The Bulldogs dropped



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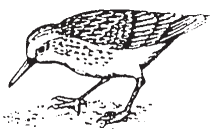
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their Friday, February 8 match-up with the Apponequet Lakers 45-29. The wins give the Ladies a mark of 11-8 on the year.

The **ORR Boys Basketball Team** had a good news/bad news week as they prepared for the post-season as they split their games, going 1-1 over that time period. The team dropped their first game of the week as they were beaten at the buzzer by Bourne, 73-71. The Bulldogs led throughout the game but were outscored 25-17 in the final quarter. **Jeff Rezendes** was the game's high scorer with 24 points. The Bulldogs righted themselves on Friday night, February 8 as they beat Apponequet 73-62 on the Bulldogs' home floor. **Jeff Rezendes** once again led the Bulldogs with 20 points as **John Santos** and **Tristan**

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**Miller** joined him in double figures with 10 and 13 points apiece. ORR is now 12-5 overall on the season and 10-5 in SouthCoast Conference play.

**Brennan Goguen** is making a habit of scoring hat tricks for the Bulldogs Hockey team, doing so once again, in ORR's 6-3 win over New Bedford High School on Saturday, February 9 on the Whaler's home ice. The Whalers entered the game with just two losses on the year yet they proved to be no match for the visiting Bulldogs. ORR is now 8-6-2 on the season.

In the **SCC Winter Track Championship** the Girls and the Boys teams made good showings as the Girls placed second and the Boys placed third. The girls' team won the 4x400 relay and had strong showings in the 50-yard dash, the 50-yard hurdles as well as the 300 and 600 meters. The Boys Team saw **Franck Tebou** win the shot put event and finish second in the 50-yard dash, while **Tom Morss** finished first in the 600-meter race.

The **Old Colony Cougars Boys Basketball Team** started their week with a 59-39 thrashing of Tri-County Tech on Tuesday evening, February 5. **Kevin Gaspar** led the Cougars with 19 points and **Matt Pacheco** added 17 for Old Colony in the win. The Cougars were beaten 61-54 at West Bridgewater on Friday, evening February 8. **Chris Perry** led the Cougars with 19 points in a losing effort. Old Colony is now 10-8 on the season and 8-5 in Mayflower League play.

### **Mattapoisett Recreation**

Sign-ups for **Mattapoisett Girls Softball** (Grade 3-8) will be held Thursday, February 28 from 6:00 to 7:30 pm in the Old Hammondtown School Gym Lobby. Applications can be downloaded from the town's web-site at [www.mattapoisett.net](http://www.mattapoisett.net). Questions? Please call 508-758-4100 or email [ddgmac@aol.com](mailto:ddgmac@aol.com).

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### Rochester Softball

Spring Sign-Ups for **Rochester Girls Softball** for girls in Grades 3 to 8 will take place on **Thursday, February 14** from 6:00 to 8:00 pm at Rochester's Memorial School. For more information, please contact Polly Lawrence at 508-763-2972.

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### Baseball Benefit

The **Southcoast Bulldogs Youth Baseball Club** will be holding a **Texas Hold 'Em Fundraiser** on **Saturday, March 1** at Café Funchal in New Bedford. The South-

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The March 1 Texas Hold 'Em will be a no limit tournament and players must be 18 years or older. There is a \$100 by-in, no rebuys, with \$5,000 paid out in prize money (based on 100 players). Satellite Play at 4:00 pm, with registration at 5:00 pm and play beginning at 6:00 pm. Café Funchal is located at 123 Church Street in New Bedford. To register or for more information, please con-

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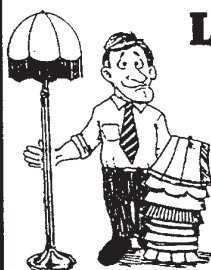
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## Mattapoisett Selectmen's Meeting

**February 12, 2008**

**By Kenneth J. Souza**

A regular meeting of the Mattapoisett Board of Selectmen was called to order on Tuesday, February 12 at 7:02 pm by Chairman Raymond H. Andrews. Also present were Selectman Jordan C. Collyer, Town Administrator Michael J. Botelho, and Assistant to the Town Administrator Melody Pacheco. Selectman Stephen J. Lombard was not present for the meeting.

The board first approved the minutes of the January 22 meeting, then voted to sign and approve the refinancing of \$2.84 million in town bonds. The board also voted to accept the resignation of Virginia Child, who is stepping down from from the Council on Aging (COA). The board next voted to authorize Town Counsels Kopelman and Paige to terminate the "Tolling Agreement" so the town can move forward with a claim against Tappe and Turner for work done at Old Hammondtown School.

At 7:05 pm the board met with Donald Lake to discuss once again holding a Classic Car Show on the first



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At 7:10 pm the board met with Water/Sewer Superintendent William "Nick" Nicholson and members of the Mattapoisett Water Department to present them with Certificates from the Massachusetts Interlocal Insurance Association (MIIA) for recently completing 3.5 hours of emergency simulated driving. "It does save the town money on our premiums," Chairman Andrews said.

At 7:15 pm the board met with Recreation Director Gretchen MacDonald and members of the Recreation Committee for an update. Over the past year the Recreation Department has been providing a great deal of publicity and access about their programs through the town's newly-updated website. Many of the programs have been expanded, most at no cost to the town.

"We've been straying away from just sports," Ms. MacDonald said. "We had a drawing program and the kids really enjoyed it."

Mr. Botelho also noted the town's new Community Sailing Program has garnered a great deal of support and this coming year they plan to offer a full-scale summer program.

At 7:20 pm the board met with members of the Capital Planning Committee to review proposed capital expenditures for FY2009.

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"We're here to provide you with a brief update," said Chairman Chuck McCullough. "While we're not done gathering data and analyzing it, I can say it's not a very long list — which is good news. One item we want to discuss is the town vehicle use policy, which we'd like to see adopted by the board."

Mr. McCullough noted that although the capital needs list isn't long, there are some "hefty" items to consider including future needs such as a new Fire Station, a new Town Wharf Building, upgrades to the Town Hall and Highway Barn, and a Water Department that is now spread out among several buildings in town.

"We want to be sure that we're addressing as a community all of these needs in the right sequence," Mr.

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McCullough said. "We may find it will take 20 or 25 years to fulfill all these needs."

"In terms of the Fire Station and Highway Barn, we're spending a fortune just to keep those buildings (heated)," Chairman Andrews said. "Until we can find ways to upgrade them, we're just pouring money out of those two buildings."

Mr. McCullough said they would be back in another four to six weeks to provide another update prior to Town Meeting and to review the proposed Town Vehicle Use Policy for final adoption.

At 7:40 pm the board met with Natural Resource and Animal Control Officer Kathleen Masse for an update on her department. Ms. Masse noted that Shining Tides remains closed to the taking of shellfish, but that decision is made by the State Division of Marine Fisheries and not her. "I just post the signs," she said. "I only post it and enforce it."

Chairman Andrews added the town's updated website via Virtual Town Hall now includes all information about these open and closed areas for shellfishing, including a detailed map so people know where they can and cannot harvest shellfish. This information is updated on a weekly basis.

At 7:45 pm the board met with Harbormaster Steve Mach and members of the Marine Advisory Board (MAB) along with resident Steve Ruel to discuss the recent revocation of Mr. Ruel's wharf permit.

"There are things that are inconsistent to the rules, be it for moorings or wharf spaces," Mr. Ruel said. "As far as the grandfathering, it talks about a 'person,' but in another section it talks about an 'owner.' So do owners have the same rights as the person mentioned ... in the rules? There's no consistency between them. The only reason I'm here today is our household has been on that dock



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since the 1950s — even before the (wharf) list existed. I humbly contend that I should have some consideration here.”

“There were Wharf Rules before 1989, before I became Harbormaster,” Mr. Mach said. “This idea about grandfathering people ... and a surviving spouse was there before I came onboard. We only have 23 spaces and there’s (about) 150 people on the waiting list.”

“I’m just looking for some consistency ... there are other people who have been (on Long Wharf) for the same amount of time, and they have been grandfathered,” Mr. Ruel said. “I’m just looking for some equal rights, that’s all.”

“The whole thing about legacy spaces, as far as I’m concerned, is out the door,” Selectman Collyer said. “I don’t care if you were there before the rules or not.”

“The thing we need to realize is that (the town’s Mooring and Wharf Rules) is a living document and I’m not opposed to changing it,” Chairman Andrews said.

But Selectman Collyer said he didn’t feel comfortable supporting a change in the existing rules and regulations since they were already approved as part of a lengthy process including both public input and review by Town Counsel. “I just don’t find it appropriate to ... make a change at this time,” he said.

In other matters, the board:

- Noted Town Hall would be closed on Monday, February 18 in observance of Presidents’ Day.

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- Wished Selectman Collyer a "Happy Birthday!"
- Noted the Annual Tri-Town Herring Meeting will take place during the next regular Selectmen's meeting on Tuesday, February 26 at 7:00 pm at the Mattapoisset Town Hall.

- Noted the next Tri-Town Selectmen's Meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 12 at 6:30 pm in the Marion Town House.

- Received notification from Building Inspector Andy Bobola that he has passed his FEMA requirements for "Community Hurricane Preparedness."

Under the Town Administrator's report, Mr. Botelho reviewed the status of the FY2009 budget. "We have optimistically something in excess of \$600,000 to work with, but maybe less than that," he said. "Taking into consideration (our fixed costs), it gives us about \$200,000 left over. That means we needed to take out about \$355,000 from initial requests."

There being no further matters to discuss in Open Session, the board voted to go into Executive Session at 9:25 pm to discuss Collective Bargaining issues and would thereafter adjourn for the evening.

### **Marion Economic Summit**

**February 7, 2008**

**By Kenneth J. Souza**

A special "Economic Summit" was convened by the members of the Marion Finance Committee (FinCom) in the Marion Music Hall on Thursday night, February 7. According to FinCom Chairman Dr. Richard Kemp, the purpose of this meeting was to take a first step toward solving the town's long-term structural budget deficit and to present "big picture" of Marion's finances. The summit was first suggested at a recent Marion Board of Selectmen's meeting during which Dr. Kemp projected that the

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"If we choose to ignore the problem it will certainly develop into a crisis," Dr. Kemp said in his introduction to the summit. "I don't think we're there yet, but certainly we're in a budget crunch and we're trying to avoid a crisis by taking this first step."

Dr. Kemp said the problem is simple: expenses are growing faster than the revenue that the town can raise. With the limits of Proposition 2 1/2 in place and the added problem of shrinking local receipts and state aid, there remains very little that can be done under the town's present budget structure — hence, he has dubbed this a "structural deficit."

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"After all these years of Proposition 2 1/2, we've basically reached the limit of how much can be squeezed out of the budget," Dr. Kemp said. "We rely on state aid for a portion of the town's revenue ... but it depends on Beacon Hill and there's no clarity."

Of the total estimated \$476,000 increases in FY2009 expenses, Dr. Kemp noted the bulk of these are fixed costs such as Health Insurance (\$87,000); Utilities (\$31,000); Town Insurance (\$35,000); Contractual Pay Raises (\$295,000); and Pensions (\$28,000). Given that they currently anticipate only \$406,000 in revenues for FY09, there is already a shortfall of \$70,000.

Dr. Kemp went on to explain that two traditional pools of funding — Free Cash, which is a surplus from a given fiscal year, and the Stabilization Fund, which is reserved for "extraordinary events" — cannot be relied upon as the town's only financial resources.

For comparison's sake Dr. Kemp examined the current FY08 budget wherein the total \$16.626 million budget was offset by transferring \$570,290 from Free Cash to make up the shortfall. That left about \$16,000 in the Free Cash account. "So, basically, we used it all up," Dr. Kemp said.

Looking at the current available Free Cash for FY09, Dr. Kemp noted it was certified in October of 2007 to be \$894,000 — but that amount includes \$374,000 in cell tower lease monies, a "one-time" payment for leases on the town-owned water tower from 1999 through 2007. The FinCom is strongly recommending this money be put into the town's Stabilization Fund which is currently 2 percent shy of the state's recommended 5 percent of the town's annual operating budget. So, in reality, the town is beginning FY09 will just \$520,000 in available Free Cash.

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jected budget expenses, Dr. Kemp noted they are already facing a \$178,000 shortfall after using up the \$520,000 in available Free Cash — this, even despite the fact that Marion's assessment to the ORR School District came in lower than anticipated.

"We still have a problem, we don't have enough Free Cash to bail us out of this," Dr. Kemp said. "So, obviously, we're going to have to reduce somewhere."

As for possible remedies offered by the FinCom, Dr. Kemp noted they considered:

- Conserving in the current FY08;
- Reducing spending by \$200,000 to balance the budget;
- Avoid an override in the FY09 budget, since residents are already struggling with water and sewer rate adjustments; or
- Make a comprehensive five-year plan to be implemented in 2010.

Dr. Kemp said his committee opted for the last suggestion: to work on developing a comprehensive five-year plan to be implemented in 2010. "Almost every



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category is growing faster than two-and-a-half percent," he said.

Based on the current rate of expenses and projected revenue, Dr. Kemp said he expects the town's deficit, or budget shortfall, to escalate to between \$1.5 and \$1.7 million by the year 2014.

"Unfortunately, that's how large the gap grows," he said.

To counter this trend, he and the members of the FinCom are proposing a three- to five-year business plan based on one which has already been devised by the FinCom in the Town of Arlington, MA. The plan would require preparing detailed budgets projected for up to five years; a total buy-in from all town departments, the Town Administrator, unions, schools and the public; one override to fix the current structural deficit problem; an a promise of no further overrides for a five-year-period. In addition, Dr. Kemp noted there would be some type of relief provided to the town's elderly residents such as a "circuit breaker" program.

"So Arlington's (now) in the third year of a five-year plan," Dr. Kemp said. "One of the things they did do was to provide a 'circuit breaker' for seniors and low-income residents. One thing that's very apparent is the plan requires everyone to stick to the deal."

When the floor was open to questions, one resident asked how much public input would be weighed in this process given that this initial meeting wasn't well

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attended.

Dr. Kemp assured everyone that there will be follow-up meetings and public input would be actively solicited. "We're not just planning to spring this on everyone at Town Meeting," he said.

"Looking at the projections five years out, no one really knows what the (school) budget is year to year so that (number) would really be a wild card," said ORR School Committee Chairman Robert Nectow.

"I think it's important to let everyone know that the (FinCom's) duty is to look at the numbers and make recommendations," said FinCom member Lee Vulgaris. "It's really going to be up to the townspeople to decide if they want to adopt the five-year plan. We know no one



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wants a (Proposition 2 1/2) override ... but everyone's got to buy into this — the school committees, the (town departments), the unions — otherwise it's not going to work."

"Over the last several years, many of the departments have been asked to level-fund ... and what level-funding from year to year really means is cuts have to be made," said Town Administrator Paul Dawson. "I can assure you that department heads have gone to great pains just to level-fund. But moving forward we really need to focus on some type of grand scheme. We need to focus on what the town's priorities are."

"The schools are currently at 57 percent of our budget and the rest of the town is 43 percent of our budget," added Selectmen Chairman Roger Blanchette. "If the rest of the town is going to be level-funded, my feeling is the schools should be level-funded. If this continues until 2014 what's going to happen is the 57 percent is likely going to become 62 or 63 percent ... and the rest of the town and all the services provided (to residents) is going to go down to 37 percent. (Their) piece of the pie is getting bigger and bigger. The schools have got to buy into this whole deal, otherwise it's an exercise in futility."

FinCom member James Barron closed the meeting by suggesting the town residents might want to start thinking about generating additional revenue by charging fees for trash collection, beach and recreation stickers, and student parking at ORR High School. "These are some of



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the things we have to start thinking about," he said.

## Rochester Selectmen's Meeting

February 11, 2008

By Kenneth J. Souza

A regular meeting of the Rochester Board of Selectmen was called to order on Monday, February 11 at 6:45 pm by Chairman Brad Morse. Also present were Selectman Richard Nunes, Selectman Dan A. McGaffey, Town Administrator Richard LaCamera, and Administrative Assistant Veronica Lafreniere was not present for the meeting.

The board first met in Executive Session to discuss pending contract and legal issues.

Upon returning to Open Session at 7:15 pm, the board approved the minutes of the January 28 meeting and then signed and approved a settlement agreement for the Plumb Memorial Library to accept reimbursement funds in the amount of \$300 from the Massachusetts Attorney General's Office as part of a settlement in the recent Compact Disc Antitrust Litigation.

At 7:10 pm the board met with Richard Charron on behalf of Bruce Maksy Jr. to request an easement/road cut on Dexter Lane to allow Mr. Maksy to transport water under Dexter Lane to his cranberry bog property. "The pipe will be buried ... and there will be no seams under Dexter Lane," Mr. Charron said. "In addition, it's going to be put inside a sleeve. There are presently no (under-



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ground) utilities on Dexter Lane (in that area)."

According to Chairman Morse, Highway Surveyor Jeff Eldridge said he didn't have a problem with the project, but he would prefer to install the line and sleeve himself under Dexter Lane to ensure it is done to town specifications. "He just wants to make sure there isn't a speed bump there ... and make sure it's compacted," he said.

With that, the board unanimously voted to approve the easement for the project as suggested, with the Highway Department doing the road cut work and the costs to be borne by Mr. Maksy.

At 7:23 pm the board met with Planning Board Chairman Arnold Johnson to discuss some concerns he had over recent comments made about communication between the Planning Board and Selectmen.

"Over the past two weeks I've heard about a lack of communication between the Planning Board and the Board of Selectmen ... and I wanted to set things straight," Mr. Johnson said, referring to comments made about the hiring of a consultant for the Planning Board and his suggested changes for the town center. "One of the things I heard — and I think it was a bit exaggerated — was about a change in traffic patterns in the center of town (under the revised Master Plan). We've hired ... a consultant and he's made some suggestions (but) basically it's just thinking out loud at this point and nothing has been adopted."

Mr. Johnson stressed that the proposed center village study is very much a "work in progress" and any actual changes would have to get Town Meeting approval.

"I'm the one who brought up that I had some concerns with the Master Plan," Mr. LaCamera said. "A questionnaire was to be put up on the town website and it dealt with some issues concerning the town center ... and

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we were supposed to meet with the Planning Board on it."

"At some point we'll need to discuss the concept for the center village based on the Master Plan," Selectman McGaffey added, noting he also was concerned about some of the proposals being bantered about, but now he was more comfortable knowing it was just a preliminary discussion.

Mr. Johnson went on to say they are hoping to work toward updating the town's Master Plan with the consultant once the initial village study was completed.

"The proposal that the (Planning Board) agreed to was to hire (the consultant this year) at \$10,000 for a study of the village center," Mr. LaCamera said. "I just want to be clear that going into next year I don't think there will be (another) \$20,000 to hire additional consultants. It's just not in the budget."

The board next discussed signing a contract with Kathleen McHenry as the town's Assistant/Temporary Town Accountant.

But Selectman Nunes had some reservations about hiring Ms. McHenry at the suggested pay rate.

"The Assistant Town Accountant was part of the Personnel By-Laws," Selectman Nunes said. "Her position has evolved ... but she (began) as a Grade 7, Step 6 (employee). Back in September of 2006 the Board of Selectmen basically removed the Assistant Town Accountant from the Compensation Plan because the Town Ac-

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countant had resigned and we needed someone to do the accounting for the town. So we made the Assistant (Town Accountant) Grade 10, Step 1 and basically the Assistant Town Accountant has remained at that level because the Town Accountant is part-time while the Assistant (Town Accountant) is full-time."

Mr. LaCamera noted that although he had planned on proposing hiring a full-time Town Accountant for FY09, with the town's current budget constraints they won't be able to afford it. As such, they will likely have to stay with the current part-time Town Accountant and full-time Assistant Town Accountant model.

But Selectman Nunes maintained that the part-time position was evolving to a point where it would be on par with the full-time position in terms of pay rate.

"Do you see my concern?" he asked. "In less than two years her pay rate has gone from \$16.30 to \$23.60 (an hour). In a sense you have a role reversal (and) we're setting up (both) a highly-paid Town Accountant and a highly-paid Assistant Town Accountant."

"This system seems to be working very well and we're spending less money (than we did before)," Chairman Morse said.

With that, the board voted in favor of signing the contract with Ms. McHenry via majority, with Selectman Nunes in sole opposition.

Under the Town Administrator's report, Mr. LaCamera noted:



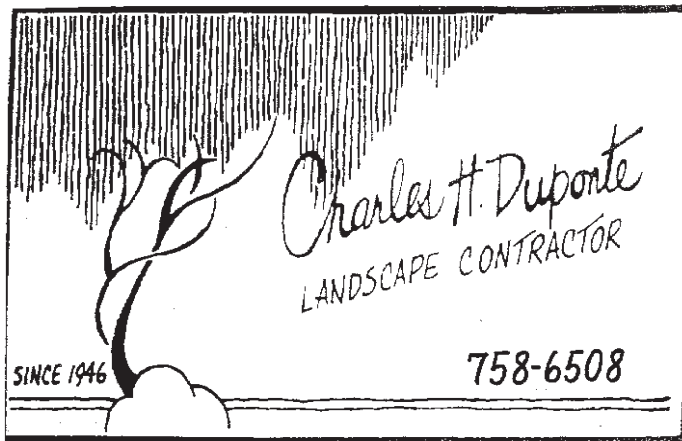
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• The deadline for submitting articles for placement on the Annual Town Meeting warrant is March 14, 2008 at 4:00 pm.

• Police Chief Paul Magee has recommended that UMass Dartmouth student Tammy Gibson of Mattapoisett be approved to work as an Intern with the Rochester Police Department, which was unanimously approved by the board.

In other matters, the board:

• Approved a request from Susan Adams to appoint Amy Johnson of Walnut Plain Road and Jim Holden of Neck Road as members of the Green Ways Committee.

• Noted the annual membership meeting of Old Rochester Community Television (ORCTV, Inc.) will be held on March 26 at their facility in the Captain Hadley House on Front Street in Marion.

• Agreed to schedule a public commuter rail meeting for Rochester residents on either Monday, March 3 or Wednesday, March 5 at 7:00 pm in the Rochester Town Hall to discuss the proposed commuter rail routes.

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• Noted the next regular Selectmen's meetings will be held on Monday, February 25; Monday, March 10; and Monday, March 24 beginning at 6:30 pm in the Rochester Town Hall Conference Room.

• Noted the continuation of the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) Public Hearing on the proposed Feather-bed Lane project has been scheduled for March 26 beginning at 7:00 pm at the Rochester Senior Center on Dexter Lane.

At 8:11 pm the board met with members of the Finance Committee (FinCom) to discuss the ongoing FY2009 budget process.

"Basically where we are is we're going to have to get \$300,000 out of the requested budgets down," Mr. LaCamera said, noting he now had all the various departmental budget proposals in hand. "But the one that surprised us was the ORR budget which is going up 8.8 percent — a \$274,000 increase. The ORR budget is about \$150,000 higher than we anticipated for FY09."

Mr. LaCamera noted that even though there are 31 less students from Rochester going to ORR next year, the town's overall assessment was increased per the state education aid formula. The Town of Mattapoisett's portion of ORR's assessment likewise went up in excess of \$200,000 while Marion had a decrease this year. But if two of the three towns approve the proposed ORR budget, all three communities are expected to pay their share.

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trict will be held next month to revisit the latest budget request.

"Our continued goal is to not cut staff and not cut services," Mr. LaCamera said.

There being no further matters to come before the board, they unanimously voted to adjourn for the evening at 8:20 pm.

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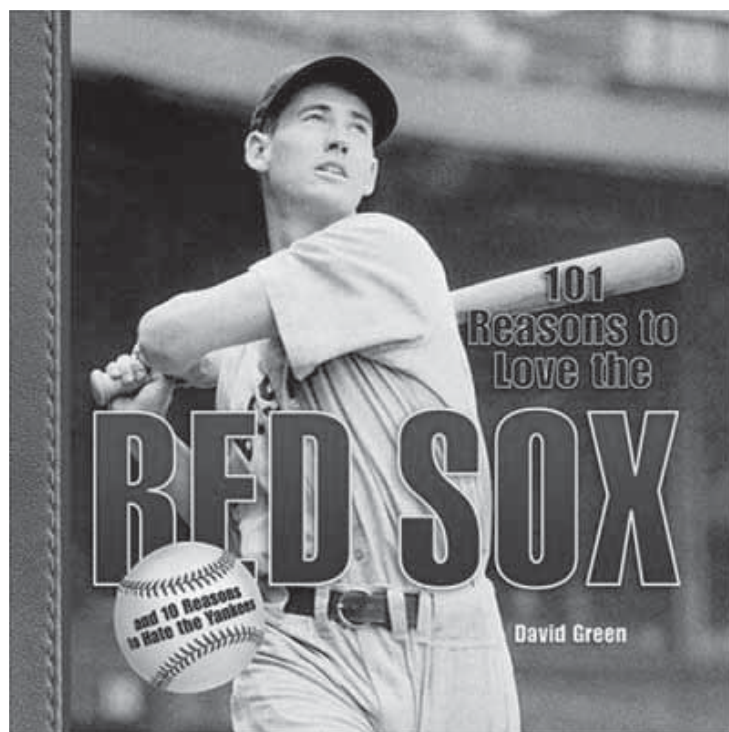
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## To the Editor:

In the times of when people like to point out all the negative around them, our family would like to extend their thanks to Chief Paul Magee of the Rochester Police Department and Highway Surveyor Jeff Eldridge and their respective staff.

Recently, our family was forced to contact both departments with concerns over our children safely being able to cross the street mornings to get onto the school bus. Some people in their vehicles felt that flashing lights, signs, etc. do not apply to them and thus do not stop completely or at all for bus or children trying to cross to the bus! We were actually having to physically walk into the street and stand in front of the oncoming cars until they were *forced* to stop ... one person even had the audacity to tell me that if my children "ran" he would not have to stop!

Both departments have responded immediately and have been working diligently in trying to make it safer for children to be able to cross the street and board their bus.

We have a great deal of respect for both departments and hope that people reading this will consider how they themselves would feel if it were *their children* who were being put in harm's way everyday by a careless driver who was in a hurry. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Underhill  
and daughters Arissa and Deianeira

## Letters to the Editor

# LOCAL CABLE PROGRAMMING



### CHANNEL 9 Public Access

#### Sunday, Feb. 17, 2008

8:00 AM - Children's Bible Stories  
9:00 AM - Music and the Spoken Word  
9:30 AM - First Congregational Church of Rochester  
11:00 AM - Physician's Focus  
11:30 AM - White House Chronicles  
12:00 PM - The Jeff Perry Report  
12:30 PM - Rochester Board of Selectmen's Meeting  
2:00 PM - Music and the Spoken Word  
2:30 PM - First Congregational Church of Rochester  
4:00 PM - Soundings  
5:00 PM - Learn to Square Dance  
6:00 PM - Rochester Board of Selectmen's Meeting  
7:30 PM - Bulletin Board  
8:00 PM - Dartmouth Community Medical School  
10:30 PM - ORR Programming  
12:00 AM - Midnight Movie

#### Monday, Feb. 18, 2008

Noon - Midday Movie  
2:00 PM - Local Interest Programming  
5:00 PM - The Commonwealth Report  
5:30 PM - White House Chronicle  
6:00 PM - ORRHS 2007 Graduation Ceremony  
7:30 PM - New England Outdoor Life  
8:00 PM - Army News Watch  
8:30 PM - Physician's Focus  
9:00 PM - Inside the ORR with Dr. Cooper  
10:30 PM - The Conn Jackson Show  
12:00 AM - Midnight Movie

#### Tuesday, Feb. 19, 2008

10:00 AM - ORR Programming  
Noon - Midday Movie  
1:30 PM - The Wanderer Presents  
2:00 PM - Local Interest Programming  
3:00 PM - Inside the ORR with Dr. Cooper  
4:00 to 8:00 PM - ORCTV presents ORR programming  
8:30 PM - Rochester Board of Selectmen's Meeting  
9:30 PM - Neighbor to

Neighbor With Don Cuddy  
11:00 PM - The Jeff Perry Report  
11:30 PM - Rochester Selectmen's Meeting  
12:00 AM - Midnight Movie

#### Wednesday, Feb. 20, 2008

Noon - Midday Movie  
2:00 to 4:00 PM - Local Interest Programs  
4:00 PM - Mattapoisett Christmas in the Park  
5:00 PM - New England Outdoor Life  
5:30 PM - The Marion Village Stroll  
6:30 PM - Jeff Perry Report  
7:00 PM - White House Chronicle  
7:30 PM - Commonwealth Report  
8:00 PM - Physician's Focus  
8:30 PM - Dr. Is In  
9:00 PM - Ampersand - Featuring the Marion Arts Center  
10:30 PM - Army News Watch  
12:00 AM - Midnight Movie

#### Thursday, Feb. 21, 2008

10:00 AM - ORR Programming  
Noon - Midday Movie

2:00 to 4:00 PM - Local Interest Programs  
4:00 to 8:00 PM - ORCTV presents ORR programming  
8:30 PM - The Rock Star Stories  
9:00 PM - Penny Dreadful's Schilling Shockers  
11:00 PM - The Conn Jackson Show  
12:00 AM - Midnight Movie  
1:30 AM - Slumlord Production presents: Films by Courtney Fathom Sells

#### Friday, Feb. 22, 2008

Noon - Midday Movie  
2:00 to 5:00 PM - Local Interest Programs  
5:30 PM - Soundings  
6:30 PM - Pace Monthly  
7:00 PM - Turntable  
7:30 PM - Home Front  
8:00 PM - Mass Talk  
9:00 PM - The Commonwealth Report  
9:30 PM - The State of The Commonwealth Address  
11:00 PM - Ampersand - Featuring the Marion Arts Center  
12:00 AM - Midnight Movie Double Feature

#### Saturday, Feb. 23, 2008

8:00 AM to Noon - Classic Cartoon Festival

Noon - Neighbor to Neighbor With Don Cuddy  
1:00 PM - Turntable  
1:30 - New England Outdoor Life  
2:00 - Inside the ORR with Dr. Cooper  
3:00 to 7:00 PM - ORCTV presents ORR programming  
8:30 PM - The Rock Star Stories  
9:00 PM - Penny Dreadful's Schilling Shockers  
11:00 PM - The Conn Jackson Show  
12:00 AM - Midnight Movie  
1:30 AM - Slumlord Production presents: Films by Courtney Fathom Sells

Midday Movies - John Wayne  
Midnight Movies - Everybody was Kung Fu Fighting

### CHANNEL 95 Marion Government

**6:30 PM Every Night**  
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**Saturday and Sunday**  
11:00 AM - Marion Planning Board Meeting  
5:00 PM - CPA meeting



## Rochester

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### Upcoming Meeting Schedule

- Mattapoisett Board of Selectmen – Tuesday, February 26 at 7:00 pm, Mattapoisett Town Hall.
- Marion Board of Selectmen – Tuesday, February 19 at 7:00 pm, Marion Town House.
- Rochester Board of Selectmen – Monday, February 25 at 6:30 pm, Rochester Town Hall.
- Marion School Committee – Wednesday, February 27 at 6:30 pm, Sippican School.
- Rochester School Committee – Thursday, February 28 at 6:00 pm, Memorial School.

### Coastline Elderly Menu

- **Monday, February 18** – Presidents' Day (no meals served).
- **Tuesday, February 19** – Baked ham with pineapple sauce, whipped potatoes, peas, rye bread, butterscotch pudding, sugar-free pudding.
- **Wednesday, February 20** – Minestrone soup, chicken cacciatore, rotini sauce, Vienna bread, apple.
- **Thursday, February 21** – Meat loaf with mushroom gravy, whipped potatoes, broccoli, multigrain roll, mixed fruit in light syrup.
- **Friday, February 22** – Seafood salad, potato salad, cole slaw, pita bread, peaches in light syrup.

### Tri-Town Blue Book

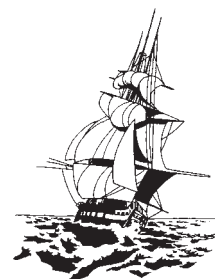
The League of Women Voters (LWV) Tri-Town Telephone Directory ("The Blue Book") is currently being updated for its 24th edition. The 2008-2009 phone book will be released in early summer.

Residents who are new to the area or who are not listed in the Verizon telephone directory who would like to be included in the Blue Book should call 508-993-3802 or e-mail the information to LWVMMR@yahoo.com. New entry information may also be mailed to the LWV Phone Book, P.O. Box 812, Marion, MA 02738. Please include your name, address (including P.O. Box), and ten-digit telephone number as you want it to appear in the directory.

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have unlisted numbers, and people whose number does not appear in the Verizon phone book are encouraged to submit their updated information.

The deadline for additions, corrections, or changes is Friday, March 21, 2008.

### Blue Book Advertising

Renewal notices for the upcoming 2008-2009 24th edition of the League of Women Voters (LWV) Tri-Town Local Phone Directory ("The Blue Book") have been mailed. All current advertisers in the Marion, Mattapoisett and Rochester Telephone Book who have not yet returned their forms are urged to do so as soon as possible. The phone book is delivered free to every postal address in the three towns as well as to all schools, Town Halls, and is made available to all newcomers.

Information has also been sent out to 800 prospective advertisers. If any new businesses, services or professionals have not received this year's information, please call Linda Schuessler at 508-748-9545.

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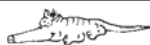
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To enter, simply find the aardvark in this issue, then go to our web page and select the link "I Found the Aardvark" entry page. If you would like to enter by mail, send your name, address and phone number along with the issue date and page number you found him in to: Wanderer - I Found the Aardvark, P.O. Box 102, Mattapoisett, MA 02739.

Winner, past location and prizes listed on our website at: [www.wanderer.com](http://www.wanderer.com) Click on "I Found the Aardvark"

**In the February 7 issue the Aardvark was on page 1!**

## ORR Students of the Month

Kevin T. Brogioli, Principal of Old Rochester Regional Junior High School, announced the following "Students of the Month" for January 2008:

- GREEN TEAM: **Ryann Monteiro** and **Johnathan Simcoe**;
- ORANGE TEAM: **Meghan Forrester** and **Matthew Riggi**;
- BLUE TEAM: **Carly Raposa** and **Joshua Cunha**;
- RED TEAM: **Nicole Boardman** and **Christopher Andersen**.

## Mattapoisett Machacam Club

The Machacam Club will hold its March meeting on March 5 at the American Legion Hall on Depot Street in Mattapoisett. Social time is 5:30 pm with dinner service at 6:00 pm.

The speaker this month will be the club's own Mike Jennings. Mike has a very impressive presentation on his friend, Admiral Eugene B. Flucky, Medal of Honor Winner and, among other awards, the holder of four Navy Crosses. Mike, at age 19, had a unique opportunity to meet this historic Navy hero whose exploits in World War II were legendary. Not many sailors can speak of a "friend" such as this. The Admiral was a "Sailor's Sailor"

# MILESTONES

## Deaths

**Marie E. (Belliveau) Connolly**, 96, of Fairhaven died Friday February 8, 2008 at Alden Court after a brief illness. She was the wife of the late Joseph J. Connolly, Sr.

Born in Amherst, Nova Scotia, on January 8, 1912 to the late Louis and Alice (Fagan) Belliveau, she moved to the United States with her parents and siblings in the 1920s and became a U.S. citizen around 1936.

Mrs. Connolly was formerly employed as a watchmaker for the original Waltham Watch Company during World War II and later as a line supervisor for a small electronics company. She retired in 1965 and moved from Waltham and Wareham.

She was a communicant of Sacred Heart Church in Waltham and St. Patrick's Church in Wareham.

Survivors include two sons, Walter J. Connolly of Waltham and Paul J. Connolly of Mattapoisett; a sister, Leona Allesandro of Waltham; two brothers, Arthur Belliveau of Albuquerque, NM, and Edward Belliveau of Waltham; and many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren.

She was the mother of the late Joseph J. Connolly, Jr. and Marie Connolly.

A Memorial Mass will be held at a later date. Private burial will be in Calvary Cemetery, Waltham. Arrangements were by the Saunders-Dwyer Home for Funerals, 495 Park Street, New Bedford.

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and his story will be one of the highlights of the club's year.

Callers are asked to bear in mind the importance of call list accuracy. Please report no later than 9:00 pm on March 3, 2008 by calling 508-758-9311. Last-minute changes by members can be made by calling the same number direct no later than 9:00 pm on March 3.

### ORR Athletic Phonathon

For the past five years, the Old Rochester Regional High School Athletic Booster Club (ORRABC) has sponsored a phonathon to raise funds to support the many student-athletes at the school, and through the generous support of the tri-town community, the phonathon has been a great success. This year's Athletic Booster Club Phonathon will take place from March 4 through March 20.

The ORR Athletic Booster Club was organized in 2004 for the purpose of supporting all of the athletic teams at ORR. Its mission is to encourage interest in and provide financial support to all ORR interscholastic athletic teams, and recognize and reward teams and student-athletes. The club promotes several events each year to raise funds for scholarships for graduating seniors and to allow student-athletes to raise money for special equipment, uniforms, teamwear and supplies for their teams. To date, the Booster Club has raised over \$100,000 for ORR athletics.

Funds raised by the Booster Club have been used to enhance the school's athletic facilities and to purchase equipment used by all of the teams. For example, last year, the ORR Girls' Track Team purchased a golf cart using their team funds raised through Booster Club calendar sales. This golf cart is used by the school's athletic trainer to respond to athletes in need of care. In 2006, the Booster Club helped fund the creation of a new strength and conditioning center at the school. Some of the club's future plans include the creation of an ORR Athletics Hall of Fame and further improvements to the school's sports facilities.

Approximately 400 student-athletes participate on 20 teams at ORR, and by all measures, they have been achieving great success. Just last month, *The Boston Globe* announced the winners of its 35th Annual Globe Scholastic Awards, and ORR was named the winner of the 2007 Dalton Award as the Division 3 school with the highest overall team winning percentage in the entire state. ORR athletes have also been recognized for their exemplary sportsmanship, winning South Coast Conference and Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association (MIAA) sportsmanship awards. Such winning ways are a direct result of the athletes' hard work, dedication, and enthusiasm, and the Booster Club's support has helped them to achieve such excellence and success. ORR's student-athletes hope that the residents of the tri-town area will continue their generous support of ORR Athletics.

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### Elks Student of the Month

The Elks of Wareham Lodge Number 1548 sponsors the Elks Student of the Month and Student of the Year Awards for students enrolled in local area high schools. The criteria used in nominating a student includes a student who excels in scholarship, citizenship, performing arts, fine arts, hobbies, athletics; church, school, club and community service; industry and farming.

Congratulations to the following students selected thus far by the ORR High School faculty and staff: September - **Brady Shwartz**; October - **Franck Tebou**; November - **Elizabeth Beatriz**; December - **William Tyler Frantz**; January - **Rae Bourque**.

### ORR Jazz Band Combo Wins

On Saturday, February 7, the Old Rochester Regional High School Big Band and Jazz Combo competed with 200 bands from all over the United States in the annual Berklee College of Music's High School Jazz Band Competition.

At 1:00 pm the ORR Big Band under the direction of Stan Ellis took the stage. Under the watchful eyes of judges Tiger Okoshi, Bob Patton and Yuron Isreal, the



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# "GOING FOR THE GOLD"

## The Wanderer's 80th Annual Oscar Pick Contest

Well it's that time of year again. Time to read over the nominees for the "Best of the Best" on the silver screen for the previous year and wonder why you still haven't seen the vast majority of the films mentioned.

And whether or not there's a gala red-carpet celebration or a more sombre pronouncement of the winners due to the lingering Hollywood writers' strike, we at *The Wanderer* are hoping to make the event just a little more interesting this year by offering you a chance to out-guess all the critics and movie know-it-alls by entering our **80th Annual Oscar Pick Contest**.

Simply check off who you predict will win in each of the following six top award categories and submit this original entry form (no photocopies, please) to our office at 55 County Road (Route 6) in Mattapoisett or mail it to: *Wanderer Oscar Contest*, P.O. Box 102, Mattapoisett, MA 02739. You may also enter online by going to our website at [www.wanderer.com](http://www.wanderer.com).

All those who pick correctly in all six (or the vast majority) of the categories will be entered to win a deluxe DVD Gift Basket and will earn bragging rights as published here in our February 28 issue. The deadline to enter is Friday, February 22 at 3:00 pm and the 80th Annual Oscar Presentation will be televised on Sunday, February 24 at 8:00 pm on ABC.

Limit of one entry per person and employees of *The Wanderer* are not eligible for consideration. Good luck!

### BEST SUPPORTING ACTRESS

- ☐ Cate Blanchette, *I'm Not There*
- ☐ Ruby Dee, *American Gangster*
- ☐ Saoirse Ronan, *Atonement*
- ☐ Amy Ryan, *Gone Baby Gone*
- ☐ Tilda Swinton, *Michael Clayton*

### BEST ACTRESS

- ☐ Cate Blanchette, *Elizabeth: The Golden Age*
- ☐ Julie Christie, *Away From Her*
- ☐ Marion Cotillard, *La Vie En Rose*
- ☐ Laura Linney, *The Savages*
- ☐ Ellen Page, *Juno*

### BEST DIRECTOR

- ☐ Julian Schnabel, *The Diving Bell and the Butterfly*
- ☐ Jason Reitman, *Juno*
- ☐ Tony Gilroy, *Michael Clayton*
- ☐ Joel and Ethan Coen, *No Country for Old Men*
- ☐ Paul Thomas Anderson, *There Will Be Blood*

### BEST SUPPORTING ACTOR

- ☐ Casey Affleck, *The Assassination of Jesse James*
- ☐ Javier Bardem, *No Country for Old Men*
- ☐ Hal Holbrook, *Into the Wild*
- ☐ Philip Seymour Hoffman, *Charlie Wilson's War*
- ☐ Tom Wilkinson, *Michael Clayton*

### BEST ACTOR

- ☐ George Clooney, *Michael Clayton*
- ☐ Daniel Day-Lewis, *There Will Be Blood*
- ☐ Johnny Depp, *Sweeney Todd*
- ☐ Tommy Lee Jones, *In the Valley of Elah*
- ☐ Viggo Mortensen, *Eastern Promises*

### BEST PICTURE

- ☐ *Atonement*
- ☐ *Juno*
- ☐ *Michael Clayton*
- ☐ *No Country for Old Men*
- ☐ *There Will Be Blood*

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band performed "Rick's Tricks," an uptempo swing piece; "Theme Without a Movie," a smooth ballad; and finally the hot Latin arrangement, "Naranja." Soloists on "Rick's Tricks" were Koby Williamson, Aaron Janik and Peter Fernandes. "Theme Without a Movie" gave a feature spot to Aaron Janik on flugelhorn. "Naranja" featured three soloists in the saxophone section — Travis Bliss, Sean Packard and Tim Roach — and gave drummer Mack Williamson some solo space.

Famed trumpeter Tiger Okoshi, a Berklee alumnus, teacher and now judge, got up to give the band some short comments. Mr. Okoshi had just worked with drummer Mack Williamson and trumpeters Aaron Janik and Peter Fernandes at the Southeastern Massachusetts Music Educator's Jazz Band Concert given at Barnstable High School and knew how well these three students could perform. However, he was not prepared for the powerful performance that the entire band gave and said so. Likewise, judge Bob Patton expressed his appreciation of the group to Mr. Ellis after the performance.

For their efforts, the band received a second-place finish with outstanding awards going to Mack Williamson and Aaron Janik.

At 3:00 pm the ORR Jazz Combo took the stage in competition. As Mr. Ellis explained: "This is a very special group of students who are rehearsed and led by drummer Mack Williamson and trumpeter Aaron Janik. Mack arranged all three songs that the combo performed for

competition and wrote one."

Mr. Ellis added: "I act in the capacity of advisor but the students primarily are under the supervision of Mack, Aaron and themselves. I comment and make suggestions occasionally but, for the most part, the direction comes from Mack and Aaron. The musical direction has also taken a more modern jazz approach, which I would expect from young student/leaders."

Finally, Mr. Ellis noted: "This band is playing the standard jazz pieces of tomorrow and does not rely on the Coltrane, Miles and Parker classics. Their music comes from new artists like Kenny Werner, Dave Douglas and Scott Colley. Mack's original piece shows that not only can he be a skilled drummer but a fine writer and arranger as well."

Other members of the group are saxophonist Sean Packard, tenor saxophonist Travis Bliss, guitarist Koby Williamson, and bassist/guitarist/singer Scott Bissonnette.

"All of these students are fine soloists as well as ensemble players and have earned the respect of all who have heard them," Mr. Ellis said.

The Jazz Combo performed "Happiness is Now," "Black Hole" and "New Amsterdam." For their efforts the band received a first-place trophy and Aaron Janik received an outstanding trophy while Mack Williamson took the superior trophy.

ORR alumnus Trevor Kellum, now a Berklee

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# MOVIE REVIEW

## His and Hers

By Rob Gonsalves  
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**Bernard and Doris.** Starring Susan Sarandon and Ralph Fiennes. Directed by Bob Balaban. Running time: 104 minutes. Rating: TV-14. Showing on HBO throughout February.

When a very rich and famous person dies and leaves a chunk of money to someone considerably less rich and famous, it is perhaps natural to be cynical about the circumstances. It's also natural for a movie to be less cynical. I suspect that fans of 1980's *Melvin and Howard* don't really care whether Melvin Dummar was actually named in Howard Hughes' will; it's still a beautiful film. Likewise, the new HBO original film *Bernard and Doris* — seemingly so named to evoke the earlier movie — is such a tenderly crafted study of the platonic love between the heiress Doris Duke and her butler Bernard Lafferty that I find myself uninterested in Googling the real Lafferty and reading up on all the allegations. Did he influence his ailing, drug-addled employer? Did he conspire to murder her? There's no poetry in any of that.

Increasingly, cable is where you go if you're interested in acting, and *Bernard and Doris* offers teamwork you could've expected to see on the big screen in better times for grown-up cinema: Susan Sarandon — who somehow keeps looking better — as Doris and Ralph Fiennes as Bernard. As the movie tells it, Doris took a liking to the withdrawn, humble Bernard, encouraging him out of his shell and out of the closet, to the point where he grew his hair into a ponytail and took to wearing makeup, scarves and caftans around the house. Bernard, who grew up poor and Irish, had worked for Elizabeth Taylor and Peggy Lee; he was perhaps the particular type of gay man that ensures entourages for formidable women like Cher, Madonna, Barbra, or Judy — drawn to and fascinated by the mix of feminine vulnerability and female power.

Early on, Doris staggers home from the hospital after a nip and tuck, demanding booze and painkillers. Bernard tries to usher her to bed, but she, already pretty blitzed, pushes him away into a wall. Then she apologizes, and thus is born a bond forged on mutual enabling. Director Bob Balaban (whose touch is as delicate and detail-oriented as his acting often is) and screenwriter Hugh Costello keep a steady balance, acknowledging that some aspects of this relationship were healthy and some weren't. The alcoholic Bernard, for instance, isn't likely to stay on the wagon in a household full of vintage wine.

"What do you want from me?" Doris asks; Bernard says "To take care

of you," and he means it. Sarandon puts on her usual show of toughness and wit, and she's terrifically entertaining at it, but it's pretty much Fiennes' show. His Bernard is a nicely modulated blend of repression and playfulness; Bernard has found someone who'll indulge him, for better or worse. At certain points he hangs out with her at social gatherings, behaving like a husband rather than a servant, and she doesn't see any need to correct him. To her, he's the ideal husband she never had: undemanding sexually, tolerant of her dalliances with gardeners and pianists, and dismissable at will. Only once, when he forbids her to have around-the-clock nurses (he'd rather see to her medical needs himself), does he impose any sort of will on her.

It's an unequal relationship, but an unusual one to see in movies, especially treated so warmly and nonjudgmentally. *Bernard and Doris* also keeps sentimentality at a minimum, and takes its potential clichés (the rich hellraiser, the gay butler) and finds something fresh in them. In a late scene, celebrating Doris' birthday quietly over candlelight and drinks (non-alcoholic? we don't know), Bernard is wearing a gown, dangling earrings, and lipstick, and Doris doesn't bat an eye. We don't, either, because at that point we understand Bernard. He's nothing so mundane as a crossdresser; he's spent so long ministering to the needs of fabulously wealthy women, and kept an inner life in which he identifies with them despite an outer life of poverty, that on some level he has become one. So has he submerged his own personality to that extent, or has that been his personality all along, waiting for the right person to bring it out? Under this movie's benign and fastidious surface such questions coil up like earthworms, much more interesting than the tabloid version of events. I don't care what the "real" Bernard was like; I cared about the movie's Bernard.

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Jumper (PG13) — 1:10, 3:10, 5:10, 7:20, 9:45

Definitely, Maybe (PG13) — 1:35, 4:00, 7:00, 9:30

Welcome Home Roscoe Jenkins (PG13) — 1:30, 4:25, 7:10, 9:40

Fool's Good (PG13) — 1:25, 4:15, 7:00, 9:20

The Eye (PG13) — 1:50, 4:30, 7:05, 9:15

Juno (PG13) — 1:45, 4:05, 6:45, 9:00

Alvin and the Chipmunks (PG) — 1:20

There Will Be Blood (R) — 4:10, 7:30

Meet the Spartans (PG13) — 1:05, 3:05, 7:35, 9:35

27 Dresses (PG13) — 5:00

Cloverfield (PG13) — 1:15, 3:15, 5:15

Rambo (R) — 7:25, 9:50

The Bucket List (PG13) — 1:40

Untraceable (R) — 4:20, 6:55

Strange Wilderness (R) — 9:55

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No Country for Old Men (R) — Fri: 3:20, 6:40, 9:15;

Sat-Thu: 12:30, 3:20, 6:40, 9:15

Persepolis (PG13) — Fri: 3:50, 7:10, 9:15; Sat-Thu: 1:00, 3:50, 7:10, 9:15

The Savages (R) — Fri: 4:00, 7:00, 9:25; Sat-Thu:

12:50, 4:00, 7:00, 9:25

There Will Be Blood (R) — Fri: 3:40, 7:20; Sat-Thu: 12:20, 3:40, 7:20

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Friday, Feb. 15 through Thursday, Feb. 21:

The Spiderwick Chronicles (PG) — 1:30, 3:50, 6:55, 9:15

Jumper (PG13) — 1:45, 4:05, 7:15, 9:30

Step Up 2: The Streets (PG13) — 1:15, 3:55, 7:10, 9:25

Juno (PG13) — 1:35, 4:20, 7:20, 9:40

Fool's Gold (PG13) — 1:20, 4:15, 7:00, 9:20

The Bucket List (PG13) — 1:40, 4:00, 6:45, 9:05

Alvin and the Chipmunks (PG) — 1:25

The Eye (PG13) — 4:25, 7:05, 9:35

27 Dresses (PG13) — 1:50, 6:50

Meet the Spartans (PG13) — 4:10

Rambo (R) — 9:10



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student, performed with the Berklee Tower of Power Ensemble during the competition.

The ORR Big Band will be in competition again on February 27 in Falmouth at the Jazz Educators' Competition, while both bands will perform on March 15 in the annual University of New Hampshire's Clark Terry High School Jazz Competition. In the spring both bands will also perform at the Rotch-Jones-Duff House with the New Bedford Jazz Choir and Big Band and the Dartmouth Big Band.

### Showstoppers Jewelry Benefit

The public is welcomed to an Open House in the Saint Anthony's Church basement on Barstow Street in Mattapoisett where quality sterling silver jewelry will be on sale at great prices on Thursday, February 28 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. Sales will benefit The Showstoppers, the local community service vocal troupe, as they fundraise for their August performance in Disney World. Items on display will be beautiful sterling silver collections and semi-precious stones, one-of-a kind items for cash and carry as well as unique and personalized items that can be ordered through their catalog. Earth's Elements, based in Lakeville, will offer beautiful jewelry designs at exceptional value. Come browse with your friends and enjoy a fun evening of socialization with free refreshments and door prizes.

### Project GROW Applications

Project GROW applications have been mailed to all age-eligible children in Marion, Mattapoisett and Rochester who appear in the database of the Early Childhood Office. Project GROW is the integrated public school preschool program serving children with and without special needs. The program follows the school calendar

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# TRI-TOWN POLICE LOGS



## MARION

**Log highlights February 3 through February 9, 2008:**

- Front Street – noise complaint
- Parkway Lane – animal complaint
- Wareham Road – larceny/past
- Front Street – family disturbance
- Lewis Street – general offense
- Creek Road – suspicious activity
- Parkway Lane – animal complaint
- Mill Street – fireworks complaint
- Parlowtown Road – fireworks complaint
- Holly Road – animal complaint
- West Avenue – emergency service
- Wareham Road – breaking and entering/past
- Dexter Road – motor vehicle complaint
- Point Road – motor vehicle accident/property damage
- Mill Street – motor vehicle accident/property damage
- County Road – motor vehicle accident/personal injury
- Spring Street – officer wanted
- Lewis Street – disturbance
- Mansfield Avenue – civil complaint
- Point Road – suspicious motor vehicle
- Wildflower Lane – family disturbance/adult arrest (disorderly conduct, resisting arrest, protective custody)
- County Road – larceny/past
- Spring Street – animal complaint
- Gifford's Corner Road – noise complaint
- Pleasant Street – animal complaint.

## MATTAPOISETT

**Log highlights February 3 through February 9, 2008:**

- Brierpatch Lane – ambulance request
- Marion Road – vandalism
- Winnatuxett Beach Road – vandalism
- County Road – assist other agency
- County Road – larceny/forgery/fraud
- Selha Way – disturbance
- Marion Road – adult arrest
- Acushnet Road – animal complaint
- Park Street – vandalism
- Marion Road – animal control
- Shaw Street – motor vehicle accident/hit and run
- Acushnet Road – motor vehicle accident
- Route 195 East – suspicious persons
- County Road – trespassing
- Long Plain Road – motor vehicle accident
- Reservation Road – parking complaint
- Long Plain Road – motor vehicle accident
- County Road – burglar alarm
- County Road – parking violation
- Mattapoisett Neck Road – ambulance request
- Randall Road – fire
- Church Street – motor vehicle violations
- Tinkham Lane – suspicious motor vehicle
- Fairhaven Road – suspicious activity.

## ROCHESTER

**Log highlights February 5 through February 12, 2008:**

- Dexter Lane – suspicious motor vehicle
- High Street – animal control
- Bowens Lane – officer wanted
- Dexter Lane – civil complaint
- Bates Road – suspicious motor vehicle
- Mattapoisett Road – larceny/forgery/fraud
- Neck Road – officer wanted
- Cushman Road – fire
- Cranberry Highway – structure fire
- North Avenue – suspicious motor vehicle
- Tobey Hospital – officer wanted
- Snipatuit Road – suspicious motor vehicle
- Negus Way – suspicious motor vehicle
- Pierce Street – adult arrest (warrant)
- Cranberry Highway – ambulance request
- Old Farm Lane – suspicious activity
- Burgess Avenue – erratic operating of motor vehicle
- County Road – officer wanted
- Hartley Road – suspicious motor vehicle
- Walnut Plain Road – larceny/forgery/fraud
- Featherbed Lane – trespassing
- Dexter Lane – simple threats.





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If you have a child who will be three by August 31 and who is not age-eligible for Kindergarten, and have not received an application, please contact the Early Childhood Office at 508-748-1863 to obtain one. The deadline for priority consideration is February 25, 2008.

## Mattapoisett Pasta Benefit

The Mattapoisett Lions Club will be hosting a Pasta Dinner to benefit the Showstoppers on Saturday, March 1 at 5:00 pm at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Route 6 in Mattapoisett. Tickets are only \$8, (\$4 for children ages 2-12) not to exceed \$20 per immediate family. Bring your family to enjoy a great pasta dinner with entertainment by the Showstoppers.

Tickets may be obtained by calling Steve at 508-758-9268; Helene at 508-758-9841; or Kelly at 508-758-4525. A very limited number of tickets will be sold at the door, so please call in advance.

## Rochester Historical Society

The next meeting of the Rochester Historical Society will be held on Wednesday, February 20 at 7:00 pm at the East Rochester Church/Museum, 355 County Road. A Winter Celebration is planned featuring old music and an "Old Time Sing-Along." Come join in an evening of fun. All are welcome and refreshments will be served.

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## ACROSS

- 1 Big bargain  
6 Carpentry device  
11 Diplomacy  
15 Sault  
18 Fill with fizz  
19 "Bolero" composer  
20 Return address?  
21 Pallid  
22 Frequent Wayne co-star  
24 Film directed by Wayne  
26 Wayfarer's whistle watter  
27 Thrill  
28 Troubles  
30 Pianist Gilels  
31 Word with car or pea  
33 Muhammad's daughter  
36 Commotion  
38 Tune  
41 Small mall  
42 Bearing  
43 Faced the day  
44 Wayne's birth name  
49 Grande  
50 Plot  
53 Facilitate a felony  
54 Poetic preposition  
55 Makes one's mark  
56 Tortellini

- topping  
57 Fretful  
60 Songwriter  
62 Jean of "Upstairs, Downstairs"  
63 "Sorry Now" ('58 hit)  
64 Gossip material  
65 Numbers man?  
67 Wayne's final film  
72 Went jogging  
73 Maestro  
75 "Braveheart" costume  
76 Fielder's equipment  
78 Yale or Root  
79 Corn  
81 Simon's "Plaza"  
82 Rascal  
85 Out of sorts  
86 Restaurateur Toots  
88 Seat cover?  
89 Actress  
90 Oscar-winning  
95 Hugh of "Small Time Crooks"  
97 Spineless  
98 Egg evaluation  
99 Rich soup

- 100 Insist  
103 Lost one's tail?  
104 A shake in the grass?  
105 "Star Trek VI" actress  
106 Bendix role  
108 Tease  
109 Spigot  
112 Frequent Wayne director  
114 Wayne's role in "The Searchers"  
120 Rink legend  
121 New York city  
122 Shortstop  
123 Volcanic state  
124 Comedian  
125 Actor Epps  
126 A la King?  
127 Proficient

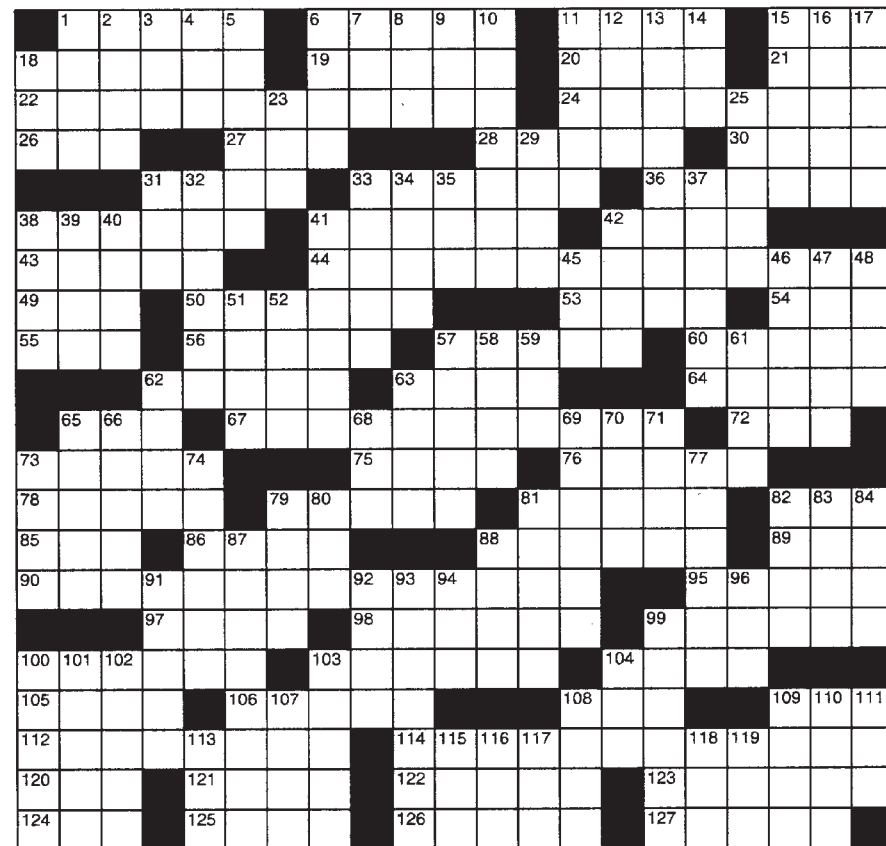
## DOWN

- 1 Navy warrior  
2 "Colors" ('86 hit)  
3 Teacup part  
4 Tackled a taco  
5 Margin  
6 Singer  
7 "di-dah"  
8 Palindromic name  
9 "Mal de"  
10 Luciano's colleague

- 11 Neon  
12 Flu symptom  
13 cat  
14 Shelley's "Skylark"  
15 Okefenokee, for one  
16 Indian tongue  
17 "Gay"  
18 Internists' org.  
23 "if I can help it!"  
25 Tea of "The Naked Truth"  
29 Prayer finale  
31 Cob, CT  
32 Forsyth's "The File"  
33 Surround a Seurat  
34 "God's Little" ('58 film)  
35 Skater  
37 Olympian Al  
38 "You Bet Your Life" emcee  
39 Part of HOMES  
40 Author Anita  
41 Don of "Cocoon"  
42 Melville title start  
45 "Nowhere" ('66 hit)  
46 Actress  
Diamond

- 47 Sky stalker  
48 "do-well"  
51 Supermarket vehicle  
52 "Be quiet!"  
57 Complete  
58 Night noise  
59 Relative of -ator  
61 Tempt  
62 School subject  
63 Crackerjack  
65 Casals' instrument  
66 Detective Vance  
68 Emulate  
102 Down  
69 Exotic pet  
70 Lingerie item  
71 Shopper's sack  
73 Gilda of Israel  
74 Darcy's creator  
77 "The Aeneid" author  
79 Mindy's mate  
80 Circle section  
81 Fathered a foal  
82 Neighbor of Jordan  
83 Waiter's offering  
84 Fancy appetizer  
87 TV's "Max"  
88 Teen title

- 91 Proust protagonist  
92 Eye appreciatively  
93 Cheeseboard choice  
94 "Girls" ('79 smash)  
96 Pretoria's loc.  
99 "The Enlightened One"  
100 Mustard city  
101 Atlanta campus  
102 Athlete Phil  
103 More advanced  
104 Rush  
107 Role for Shirley  
108 Patella's place  
109 Kisser  
110 Mine feature  
111 Pressure meas.  
113 To and  
115 Pigskin prop  
116 "Tell About It" ('83 song)  
117 "... see it"  
118 Gum gob  
119 Overwhelm



# SALOME'S STARS

**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) It could be risky to push for a project you believe in but others are wary of. Never mind. If you trust your facts, follow your courageous Aries heart and go with it.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) Your enthusiasm sparks renewed interest in a workplace project that once seemed headed for deletion. Support from supervisors helps you make all necessary changes.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) A colleague might be a bit too contrary when your ideas are being discussed in the workplace. A demand for an explanation could produce some surprises all around.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) Try to avoid distractions at a time when maintaining stability in a fluid situation is essential. There'll be time enough later for the Moon Child to enjoy some well-earned fun and games.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) Stop wasting energy licking your wounded pride. Instead, put the lessons you learned from that upsetting experience to good use in an upcoming opportunity.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) You love being busy. But try not to make more work for yourself than you need to. Get help so that you don't wind up tackling tasks that are better left to others.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) Your usually balanced way of assessing situations could be compromised by some so-called new facts. Check them out before making any shift in judgment.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) You might feel angry over an unexpected shift in attitude by someone you trusted. But this could soon turn in your favor as more surprising facts come out.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) Love rules everywhere for all amorous Archers, single or attached. It's also a good time to restore friendships that might have frayed over the years.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) It's not always easy for the proud Goat to forgive past slights. But clearing the air could help establish a better climate for that important upcoming venture.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) Good news: Your skillful handling of a recent matter has won admiration from someone who could be influential in any upcoming decisions involving you.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) You continue to welcome new friends into the widening circle of people whom you hold dear. One of those newcomers might soon have something special to tell you.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** You love nature and inspire others to follow your example of concern for the planet's well-being.

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### New Friendly Visitor

The Marion and Mattapoisett Council on Agings (COAs) have added a new member to their team. Nancy Reed has been hired to oversee the Friendly Visitor Program for the two towns. The Friendly Visitor program provides a trained volunteer to visit a home bound senior in their home. They are always looking for seniors to be visited and visitors to visit the seniors. Visitors spend about one hour a week visiting seniors in their home sharing a cup of tea, completing crossword puzzles, talking, and more.

### Mattapoisett Council on Aging

The Mattapoisett Social and Wellness Center, the location of the Mattapoisett Council on Aging is located at the Center School in Mattapoisett. Enter at the main entrance; parking is located across the street near the church carriage shed or in the school lot. The Center is open Monday through Friday, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.

Please be reminded that with the Mattapoisett Council on Aging, as with all Councils on Aging, any and all are welcome to participate in activities or utilize services. The Mattapoisett Council on Aging works regularly with a vibrant group of individuals who are always willing to welcome a new face. Please call them at 508-758-4110 if you are interested in receiving our bi-monthly newsletter or, if you wish to learn more about our services.

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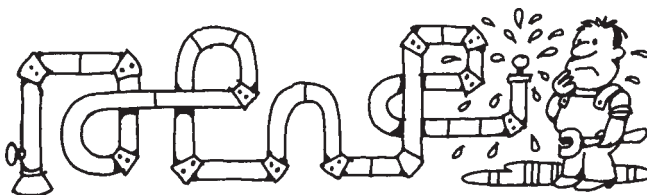
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<p><b>TOWN OF MARION PLANNING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING</b></p> <p>The Marion Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, February 25, 2008 at 7:30 PM in the Main Conference Room of the Marion Town House to consider the Special Permit application of Francis G. Ledwith, c/o N. Douglas Schneider &amp; Associates, P.O. Box 480, Mattapoisett, MA, under Sections 2.3.3, 4.2, 7.2, 7.4.5, and 8.5.4 of the Zoning By-law to allow the construction of a residential pier as an accessory use. The property is located at 384 Delano Road and is identified on Marion Assessor's Map as Plat 5A, Lot 60. Joseph Napoli, Chairman Peter Winters, Co-Chairman      02/07, 02/14</p> <hr/> <p><b>LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF MARION PLANNING BOARD CORRECTED NOTICE</b></p> <p>The Marion Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, February 25, 2008 at 8:45 p.m. in the Main Conference Room of the Marion Town House to consider the following amendment to the Zoning By-law:</p> <p>To see if the Town of Marion will amend Section 9.11.4 paragraph 4 of the Zoning By-laws by deleting the language contained in paragraph 4 and replacing it with amended language or do or take any action related thereto:</p> <p>The existing language reads:</p> <p>4. Proposed stormwater drainage system shall be designed to accommodate a ten-year storm for storm sewers and swales and a twenty-five year storm for detention basins, and a fifty-year storm for culverts and other stream crossings. All site plans shall be accompanied by a plan sketch showing all existing drainage within five hundred feet of any boundary, and all areas, such as paved areas, grassed areas, wooded areas and any other surface area contributing to the calculations, and should show methods used in the determination. Surface water in all paved areas shall be collected at intervals so that it will not obstruct the flow of vehicular or pedestrian traffic, and will not create puddles in paved areas.</p> <p>The amended language will read:</p> <p>4. The location of the proposed stormwater management system components with proposed grading, pipe sizes, inverts elevations and rates of gradient shall be provided. Typical cross sections and elevation details of all of the stormwater management and collection system components shall also be provided.</p> <p>The design of the proposed stormwater management systems and the required Stormwater Management Plan (SWMP) submittals for all Site Plans, Open Space Development Plans and Flexible Development Plans shall comply with the Subdivision Rules and Regulations of the Planning Board and the applicable requirements of the Board of Health and the Conservation Commission.</p> <p>Pursuant to MGL c.41, s.81R strict compliance with the Subdivision Rules and Regulations may be waived when in the judgment of the Planning Board, such action is in the public interest, not inconsistent with the Subdivision Control Law, and promotes public health and safety. Requests for Waivers shall follow the procedures set forth in Section 2800 of the Rules and Regulations.</p> <p>Joseph F. Napoli, Chairman      02/07, 02/14</p>	<p><b>LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF MARION ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS</b></p> <p>CASE #617 The Marion Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing at 7:30 PM on Thursday, February 28, 2008 in the Main Conference Room of the Marion Town House, on the application of Katherine Doherty, Trustee of LJJ Realty Trust, for a Special Permit under section 6.1.3 of the zoning by-law to allow construction of an addition to a non-conforming structure no closer to the property line than the existing structure. The property, located at 72 West Avenue, is further identified on Assessors' Plan 3 as Lot 18. Zoning Board of Appeals Robert D. Wedge, Chairman      02/07, 02/14</p> <hr/> <p><b>LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF MARION CONSERVATION COMMISSION</b></p> <p>The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, February 20, 2008 at 7:20 PM in the Town House main conference room on a Request for a Determination of Applicability #41D-1346 submitted by JOSEPH F. FEENEY, JR. to construct a two-story open wood-frame porch on the east side of the dwelling at 270-B Delano Road, further identified as Lot 10C on Marion Assessors' Map 5. Plans are available at the Town House for review. Norman A. Hills, Chairman      02/14</p> <hr/> <p><b>DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION WATERWAYS REGULATION PROGRAM</b></p> <p>Notice of License Application Pursuant to MGL Chapter 91</p> <p>Waterways License Application Number W08-2238 96 Moorings Road Nominee Trust NOTIFICATION DATE: February 25, 2008</p> <p>Public notice is hereby given of the waterways application by 96 Moorings Road Nominee Trust to reconstruct and maintain a stone rip-rap seawall structure and maintain two stone jetties at 96 Moorings Road, in the municipality of Marion, in and over flowed tidelands of Buzzards Bay. The proposed project has been determined to be water-dependent.</p> <p>The Department will consider all written comments on this Waterways application received within 30 days subsequent to the "Notification Date." Failure of any aggrieved person or group of ten citizens or more to submit written comments to the Waterways Regulation Program by the Public Comments Deadline will result in the waiver of any right to an adjudicatory hearing in accordance with 310 CMR 9.13(4)(c).</p> <p>Additional information regarding this application may be obtained by contacting the Waterways Regulation Program at (508) 946-2748. Project plans and documents for this application are on file with Waterways Regulation Program for public viewing, by appointment only, at the address below.</p> <p>Written comments must be addressed to: Mitch Ziencina, Environmental Engineer, DEP Waterways Regulation Program, 20 Riverside Drive, Lakeville, MA 02347      02/14</p>	<p><b>LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF MARION COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE</b></p> <p>The Marion Community Preservation Committee will meet on Wednesday, March 5, 2008 at 7:00 PM in the conference room at the Town House, Two Spring Street, Marion. The purpose of the meeting is to review FY'09 CPA fund applications. Loretta B. Schaefer, Chairman      02/14, 02/21</p> <hr/> <p><b>LEGAL NOTICETOWN OF MATTAPOISETT CONSERVATION COMMISSION</b></p> <p>The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, February 25, 2008 at 7:00 PM in the Mattapoisett Town Hall on the Notice of Intent submitted by Stephen Vaites (Easement Holder), Byrne Avenue and Shell Beach Road, Mattapoisett, MA, Assessors Map 12A. The applicant proposes to maintain Byrne Avenue and Shell Beach Road including the clearing of vegetation, debris and other obstructions as necessary in order to maintain community beach and boating access Conservation Commission      02/14</p> <hr/> <p><b>off the mark      by Mark Parisi</b></p>  <p><b>Just Like Cats &amp; Dogs      by Dave T. Phipps</b></p> 



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- Friday, February 15 – 8:30 Shaw's; 9:30 Weight Training; 10:30 Price Rite;
- Monday, February 18 – Center Closed (President's Day);
- Tuesday, February 19 – 8:30 Stop and Shop; 9:00 Art Class; 9:30 Public Health Nurse; 11:00 Cribbage; 1:00 Fairhaven Marts; 2:00 Weight Training;
- Wednesday, February 20 – 8:00 Water Aerobics; 1:30 to 3:30 Bingo; 1:30 Fitness with Karen;
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*Photos by Robert Chiarito.*

*BELOW: The New York-based Fireworks Ensemble presented a unique and eclectic fusion of musical genres at Tabor Academy in Marion on Friday, February 8.*



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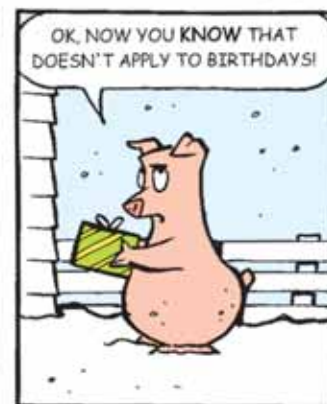
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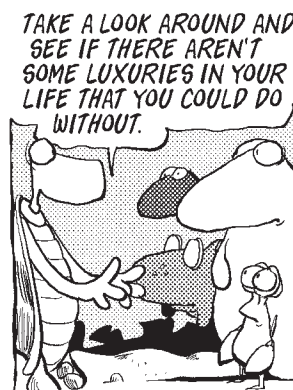
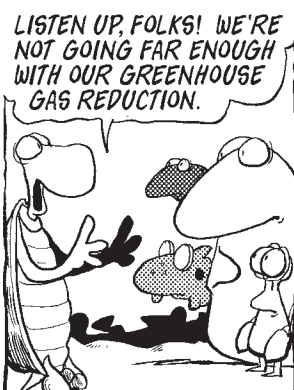
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Reservations are now being accepted for the Marion Art Center's upcoming production of *The Curious Savage*, a comedy by John Patrick, which opens on leap year, February 29 at 8:00 pm and runs March 1, 6, 7 and 8 at 8:00 pm and Sunday, March 2 at 2:00 pm.

The curious title of the play refers to the main character, Mrs. Ethel Savage, a slightly eccentric, extremely wealthy widow (played by Cynthia Latham). It is a warm-hearted tale about this woman, the recipient of her deceased husband's estate, and how she wants to make the best use of the money, despite her greedy stepchildren (played by Katie Hourihan and Dan Tripp), and their selfish attempts to get their hands on it.

Mrs. Savage plans to establish a foundation to help others realize their hopes and dreams, much to the siblings' chagrin. They commit her to a "sanitorium" in the hopes of shocking her to her senses. There she meets a variety of social misfits (played by Kimberly Teves, Michele Kelley, Gary Taylor, Norris Brown and Jackie Scholz), all needing exactly the kind of help Mrs. Savage can provide. These wonderful individuals immediately endear themselves to Mrs. Savage (and to the audience). The institution, known as "The Cloisters," is staffed by an understanding doctor (played by Paul Kandarian) and a sympathetic nurse (played by Nancy Sparklin).

With the help of her newfound friends, Mrs. Savage leads her stepchildren on a merry chase which eventually brings them to the pits of humiliation and despair as Mrs. Savage obtains her freedom. The dominant mood is comedy with plots, plans and hijinx. The audience is

left with an uplifting feeling that the neglected virtues of kindness and caring have not been entirely lost in a world that seems motivated at times by greed and dishonesty.

The curious cast is directed by veteran actor and director, Rex McGraw. Dr. McGraw recently retired and moved to Wareham after an outstanding career as actor in over 150 productions and director of over 100 shows. He was professor and chair of Theater Arts at several universities. The Marion Art Center is honored to have his expertise.

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### Mattapoisett Women's Club

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Ms. Marum graduated from Smith College with an AB degree in Government and concentration in Marine Biology in 2005 and is a Master's degree candidate in Public Policy at the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth. The Mattapoisett Women's Club meets February 21 at 12:00 noon in the Congregational Church's Parish Hall. Guests always welcome.

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## Valentine's Menu

Flowers for the Ladies and Live  
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### To Start:

Seafood Tsunami



3 oysters, 3 little necks, 4 jumbo cocktail  
shrimp with cocktail sauce & horseradish

### Dinner Options:

- Filet Mignon Wrapped in Bacon
- Herb Crusted Salmon
- Shrimp Tomato, Baby Artichoke Pizza
- Avocado & Lobster Salad Finished with  
Toasted Almonds and a Champagne  
Vinagrette
- Bourbon Glazed Salmon
- Lazy Man's Lobster



### Sides:



- Grilled Asparagus
- Garlic Smashed Potatoes
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Date	Day	High		Low	
		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
February 14:	Thurs.	1:06	1:38	7:16	6:52
February 15:	Fri.	2:11	2:44	9:19	8:10
February 16:	Sat.	3:22	3:54	10:29	9:30
February 17:	Sun.	4:33	4:59	11:23	10:38
February 18:	Mon.	5:34	5:56	...	12:09
February 19:	Tues.	6:27	6:46	12:01	12:51
February 20:	Wed.	7:13	7:32	12:27	1:22
February 21:	Thurs.	7:57	8:16	1:14	1:50
February 22:	Fri.	8:39	8:58	1:56	2:17
February 23:	Sat.	9:19	9:39	2:34	2:46
February 24:	Sun.	9:59	10:19	3:12	3:17
February 25:	Mon.	10:38	11:00	3:49	3:51
February 26:	Tues.	11:18	11:41	4:27	4:25
February 27:	Wed.	11:58	...	5:08	5:05
February 28:	Thurs.	12:24	12:42	5:59	5:54
February 29:	Fri.	1:12	1:34	7:10	6:57
March 1:	Sat.	2:09	2:36	8:46	8:18
March 2:	Sun.	3:19	3:45	9:55	9:33

### Phases of the Moon

First Quarter  
Full Moon  
Last Quarter  
New Moon

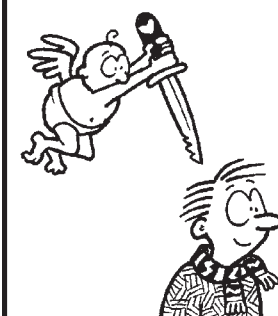
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